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5 Inventorship John S Holmes
6 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit 2154
Examiner
Attorney's Docket No. MS11526US
Title: Transport System for Instant Messaging

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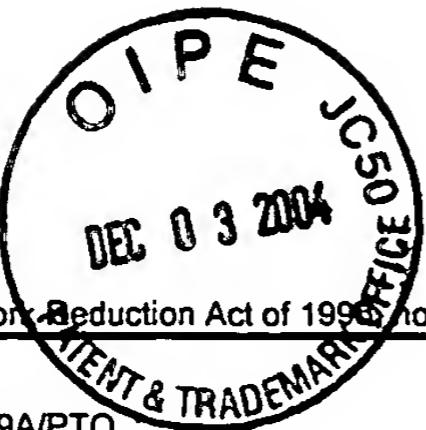
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